



John "Jack" M. Talbot

July 6, 1964 - December 8, 2025

John "Jack" M. Talbot, age 61, of Fond du Lac, Wisconsin, passed peacefully on December 8, 2025. Born on July 6, 1964, in Merrill, Wisconsin, Jack was the son of the late Jim and Mary Talbot.

Jack graduated from Merrill Senior High School in 1983 and earned his Bachelor of Science in Secondary Education—English, Speech, and Theatre—from UW–Oshkosh in 1987. He began his career as a high school English teacher, sharing his love of literature with students in Horicon and Oshkosh.

A lifelong learner and a deeply spiritual person, Jack pursued graduate studies at the Catholic Theological Union in Chicago, where he completed his Master of Divinity and Master of Arts in Liturgy along with attending the Julliard School of Music in New York. His journey through life took him to New York, Toronto, Chicago, and eventually back to Wisconsin, each place becoming part of his creative and personal story. He worked in religious and music ministries for a number of religious orders and Christian churches in the local area.

Jack was a gifted writer, musician, artist, and grief-literacy advocate. Through poetry, music, painting, and teaching, he sought to understand and express the complexities of the human experience. His work—thoughtful, emotional, and deeply honest—reflected a man who saw beauty and meaning in the

quiet, broken, and contemplative moments of life. Jack shared this creative work through Jack Talbot LLC, leaving behind a body of art and writing that continues to speak for him.

Jack is preceded in death by his parents and his sister, Ann (Jim) Fowler. He is survived by his brothers Mike (Jean) and Pat (Judy) Talbot; many nieces and nephews; extended family; and friends from the communities he lived in throughout his life.

A private funeral service will be held by the family.

Memorials in Jack's honor may be directed to charitable organizations supporting the arts, mental health, grief literacy and social justice causes deeply connected to Jack's life and work.

Jack will be remembered for his creativity, his searching spirit, advocate for social justice and the unique, heartfelt voice and music he brought into the world.

Tribute Wall

LR

“ I am so sad to hear of Jack's passing. He was a very sweet person who was always willing to lend a helping hand. I always enjoyed our conversations and will miss him very much. -
Laura Ruby



Laura Ruby - December 19, 2025 at 02:25 PM

TS

“ Jack and I became friends as students at UW-Oshkosh over 40 years ago. After graduation, we taught together in the Oshkosh School District. We remained friends over the years and referred to ourselves as kindred spirits. I was shocked to hear of his passing. My dear friend, may you rest in peace. Your life here was one of service to others and was well-spent. Your music and writing will live on as a testament to your life. I will miss your poetry. Until we meet again..... Love, Tracy

Tracy Sandberg - December 16, 2025 at 08:50 AM

SC

“ What a beautiful obituary that helps ease the stunning news of Jack's death. Rest in peace, Music Man!

Sister Diane Bauknecht, CSA - December 15, 2025 at 11:43 AM

DF

“ A beautifully-written obituary for a thoughtful soul. I was happy to know him.

Dan Fee - December 13, 2025 at 07:19 PM

JM

“ *Im jim mcgee me an my wife Michelle mcgee knew jack for 2 yrs an we were very good friends we spend Thanksgiving with jack plus Christmas also my wife was in choir with jack we will forever remember jack as very good friend an family*

James A Mcgee - December 12, 2025 at 07:37 PM